SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR: Whatever they have . demanded has been done. If there is terror, it is quite natural. (*Interruptions)*

SHRI KAPIL VERMA: It is a question of reality. People are being killed. *(Interruptions)*

SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR: You have mentioned about the revered leader of the newspaper world, the late Lala Jagat Narain. He was not killed yesterday. I would have been very glad! if my friend had been very enthusiastic at that time to protect Lala Jagat Narain. I cannot protect him today. Let me know who has not been protected during the last four months? All the time, questions are being raised which are totally irrelevant. Lala Jagat Narain's son was not killed in the last four months. Therefore, let them not raise questions which I am not obliged to answer. The problem is more serious. As the hon. Member, Mr. Aurora, said that the people say that the Government of 54 or 62 members, a minority Government, perhaps will not be able to do much, I know that I cannot get things passed in the Lok Sabha but in spite of that from administrative measures nothing better could have been done in the last four months and if this Government continues for another two months, the situation will further improve in Punjab. I am sure, Madam Deputy Chairman, getting the cooperation from this House a situation will come when the elections may be possible event in Punjab, but we should give the true picture about Punjab. You should not be taken by apprehensions, misgivings or total rumours that are being spread in certain quarters.

The situation is fast improving not *only* in Punjab but in Kashmir also and- the days are - not far off when there will be normalcy in that part of the country and the people will enjoy all the fruits of democracy.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I shall now put the Statutory Resolution to vote.

The question is:

> That this House approves the continuance in force of the Proclamation issue by the President on the 11th May, 1987, under article 356 of the Constitution in relation to the State of Punjab, for a further period of six months with effect from the 11th May, 1991.

The motion was adopted.

THE SALARY, ALLWANCES ANDPENSION OF MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1991.

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA): Madam, I move:

> "That- the- Bill further to amend the Salary, Allowances and Pension of Members of Parliament Act, 1954, as passed by Lok Sabha, be taken into consideration."

The question was proposed.

- SHRI DIPEN GHOSH (West Bengal): Madam, I want to seek one clarification. *(Interruptions).*

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: There is a letter from Shri S. S. Ahluwalia who has moved an amendment. He is not there. So I do not think he is wanting to move it. Yes, Mr. Dipen Ghosh.

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: I have to seek a clarification. (Interruptions). Mr. Swamy may know many things

[Shri Dipen Ghosh] but he does not know what I was going to speak. I want to seek one clarification from the Minister. Yesterday the Leader of the House also said that this was mainly meant for the Members' pension. Obviously pension will be given to the ex-Members. That way, now there is a possibility of a large number of persons to become ex-Members. So, the benefits would be extended to ex-Members, that is all right, but for a long time we have been discussing to extend the facilities of the railway pass to the ex-Members. Is it coming within the executive order? May I know whether the Government is going to as-Sure us that ex-Members will be given the free rialway pass as was decided earlier?

श्री अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी (मध्य प्रदेश) : महोदया, अगर पुराने सदस्य किसी सुविधा के लिए अधिक मांग कर रहे हैं तो वह रेलवे का पास है । आने-जाने में कठिनाई की दृष्टि से उन्हें लाभ होगा । जरूरत होने पर ही लोग यात्रा करते हैं, अनावश्यक कारणों से यात्रा नहीं करते हैं । लेकिन अगर हम अपने पुराने सदस्यों के लिए फ्री रेलवे पास की व्यवस्था कर सकें तो मैं समझता हूं कि वह एक सही दिशा में उठाया गया कदम होगा और उसके बारे में सरकार को विचार करना चाहिए । अगर यह मामला फिर से राष्ट्रपति जी के पास जाकर अटकने वाला है तो आप सदन को विश्वास में लेकर बताइए । हमारी धारणा है कि यह एग्जिक्यूटिव आर्डर से हो सकता है और इस तरह का आश्वासन आप सदन को दें । यह मैं मंत्री महोदय से कहना चाहता हूं ।

SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA (Karnataka): Madam Deputy Chairman, through you I want to draw the attention of this House to the fact that unfortunately the Members coming from far off places from Delhi are being the victims of certain circumstances. These 24 air journeys are not sufficient for the people who are coming from down South and North-East. People from Bhopal, In-dore and Agra will cover many journeys to Delhi overnight by train and they will save air journeys. My friend, Mr. Jagesh Desai, is here who has got the Rajdhani facility and he has saved his air journeys.

SHRI JAGESH DESAI (Maharashtra) : But support you ... (*Interruptions*),. ..

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SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Anyway, this is the situation. People from the north-east, coming from Assam—Guwahati, Dibrugarh— and people coming from down south— Madras, Trivandrum and Bangalore—are the sufferers. So, I would request the honourable Minister to increase the air journeys in case of Members coming from a distance ot 1,000 or 1.500 kilometres. That is No. 1. ... (Interruptions) . . . No. 2: Similarly, we are victims in telephone calls also. Madam, you can see the pulse rate of the telephone. For Bhopal and Indore it is only two seconds whereas for Bangalore or Madras it is four seconds and six seconds wherein our free calls go away in STD. So, this disparity and discrimination being suffered by Members who are far away from Delhi should be taken note of and rectified by the Government.

SOME HONOURABLE MEMBERS: Yes, yes. '

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY (Tamil Nadu): Madam, he has made a very valid point. I support it.

SHRI DINESH GOSWAMY (Assam): Madam, a very valid point has been made by Mr. Hanumanthappa. Train journey to my place, for example, takes 48 hours virtually and it is almost impossible for us to undertake train journeys. And we have already exhausted our air journeys. Every time we exhaust them, we have to pay from our own pocket. Therefore, this point made by Mr. Hanumanthappa, both for telephone

[श्री चतुरानन मिश्र]

ख्याल है कि इसे अभी थोड़ा रिस्ट्रिक्ट करना चाहिए और इन फैसिलिटीज के बारे में जब नई लोक सभा चुनकर आए तब विचार करना चाहिए । लेकिन जो साउथ से या दूर से लोग आते हैं उनके लिए हवाई जहाज की फैसिलिटी को अलिंब कर देना चाहिए । यह उनके लिए बहुत जरूरी है । यही मैं आपसे कहना चाहता था ।

SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN (Tamil Nadu); Madam, regarding what has been said about railway passes for the ex-Members, I also fully agree that the railway passes should be given. It has become very essential for Members who have political activity. They have to go to Delhi an many other places. Without the railway passes it becomes very difficult to go. That is one thing.

The second most important thing is that the railway passes are needed because you will be able to get reservations and make journeys. Nowadays Members of Parliament will be able to get railway reservations instantly. But-when we cease to be Members of Parliament but still remain active . in politics, though not being in Rajya Sabha or the Lok Sabha, then, railway journeys cannot be' performed because you have to stay for days together for making a railway journey. That kind-of a situation has come. The railway pass with reservation is very important. Suppose you give the railway pass. It is no (rily the money terms. Instantaneous reservations are being done for others also. This facility should be available to the ex-Members. Other-wi«, we cannot travel from one place to another.

The second point is that it has been said that Members of Parliament, many of them, are aged and that those people should have companion passes. I have a different opinion on that matter. Much can be said on both sides. Most probably the Members of Rajya Sabha may be aged. Now I And that even in Rajya Sabha there are Members who are below 35. The Members of the lok Sabha are also younger people. There may be ex-Members who are younger. You can have an age-limit for these people for companion passes. The people who are of the age of 60 years and above may be given companion passes. Those below that age need not be given companion passes.

Regarding the phone calls, I fully agree with Mr. Hanumanthappa that the limit of the phone calls we exhaust. I have to pay thousands of rupees to Pay the bills. T request_____

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN; I don't understand one thing. If everybody is suggesting the same thing, I would put everybody's name on record saying that they have also spoken including myself.

SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN; In one minute I will conclude.

Madam, there should be a differentiation between the people who are coming from the South and those who are from Delhi. Even the U.P. people are travelling by plane.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN; That has been said.

कुमारी सईदा खातून (मध्य प्रदेश) : मैडम, मैं यह कहना चाहती हूं कि अभी जो स्पाऊज के लिए एयर-जर्नी दी गई है सेशन के वक्त में, वह स्पाउज और कंपेनियन के लिए होनी चाहिए क्योंकि जो अनमैरिड लेडीज हैं, विडो हैं या ओल्ड हैं उन लोगों को कंपेनियन की जरूरत पड़ती है । इसलिए इसे स्पाउज और कंपेनियन दोनों के लिए किया जाए ।

उपसभापति : वह स्पाईज कर सकती हैं ।

कुमारी सईदा खातून : मैडम, दूसरा प्वाइंट यह है कि रिटायर होने के बाद भी जो रेलवे पास की फैसेलिटी दी गई

and for air journeys, is very valid and I hope the Parliamentary Affairs Minister will take proper action on that.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Mr. Upendra. ... *(Interruptions)*... One by one I will allow everyone.

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA (Andhra Pradesh): Madam, let me at the outset congratulate Mr. Malaviya for completing this work which I commenced but could not complete. Madam, among the things which we mutually agreed among all the parties, only two items are left: the railway passes and increase in the free telephone calls. We are not demanding any additional salaries or increase in the daily allowance. As compared to the facilities enjoyed by Members of Parliament abroad or even some MLAs in some of the States, we are still far below. Therefore, there is nothing to be ashamed off: We need not be apologetic in doing this. It is fully justified—the increase in air journeys and in the free telephone calls. The number of free telephone calls can be increased by Executive Order; it is possible and it need not be incorporated in the Bill. When we realise that it is only book transfer—after all, It is one Ministry transferring the expenditure through book transfer to another Ministry—we should not grudge these facilities. I hope the Minister will assure that he will get these things also done.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Mr. Jagesh Desai ... *(Interruptions)*... I will allow; I have noted down every name. . .

SHRI JOGESH DESAI; Madam Deputy Chairman, I fully appreciate the point made by Mr. Hanumanthappa. I feel that it is a just cause. Though I belong *to* Bombay, I *come* by the Rajdhani. But they from down south and north-east have to come by air only and that is why some distance factor should be kept, say, 1,000 kilometres or something like tht. Some thing of that sort has to be. worked out for future and they should be given the due facilities.

Secondly, Madam, so far as railway passes are concerned, I had talked to Mr. Upendra when he was a Minister and I suggested that the same facility as is given to freedom fighters should also be given to ex-. MPs, that* they can go with a companion. Ultimately, after Members become ex-MPs, some of them will be 60 or 70 years of age when they cannot travel without a companion. So, the same facility as is given to the freedom fighters should be extended to the ex-MPs also. I am sure the Minister will look into it and do it, by Executive Order if possible.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Shri Chaturanan Mishra. ... *(Interruptions)* ... After Ohaturananji. *(Interruptions)* ... I will allow you. You can't speak simultaneously. We are
in the same House.

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श्री चतुरानन मिश्र (बिहार) : उपसभापति महोदया, माननीय सदस्य श्री हनुमनतप्पा ने जो यह सवाल उठाया है वह काफी जरूरी है क्योंकि हमारे देश के बहुत दुरदराज से जो लोग आते हैं उनके लिए हवाई जहाज की फैसेलिटी रहनी चाहिए । इसको तो अभी तुरन्त भी किया जा सकता है अगर सरकार चाहे तो यह बहुत जरूरी है । हमारे सामने तमाम फैसिलिटी अभी लोक सभा भंग हो, उसी वक्त में सभी कुछ पास करके जाइएगा और जबकि भाषण में कहते हैं कि बहुत गहरा आर्थिक संकट है । थोड़ा सा तो हिसाब बरतना चाहिए हमारे लिहाज से ।

12.00 Noon

महोदया, अभी तक इस देश में किसी पोस्टमैन लाइन के लिए पेंशन स्कीम लागू नहीं हुई है । अगर इन तमाम लोगों के लिए पेंशन की कोई राष्ट्रीय योजना हो जाती तब अगर हम लोग ले भी जाते तो कोई बुरी बात नहीं थी । लेकिन मेरा

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है, उसमें भी कंपेनियन के लिए नहीं दिया गया है ।

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN; Just t minute. It JS there.

कुमारी सईदा खातून : नहीं मैडम, नहीं है ... (व्यवधान)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN; .Just a minute please. Look, somewhere I have ta put. my foot down. Just a minute just a second, please. What I am suggesting is, any Member going to bring in any new suggestion, may speak. Otherwise, what has already been reiterated... (Interruptions) Please. Because you see it becomes... (Interruptions)

श्रीमती मौरा दास (उड़ीसा) : महोदया, मैं यह कहना चाहती हूं कि जो अन-मैरिड महिलायें हैं वह अपने स्पाउज को नहीं ले जा सकती हैं । तो इनके लिए भी सरकार को बंदोबस्त करना चाहिए ... (व्यवधान)

उपसभापति : बस हो गया; श्री सुरेश कलमाडी...

श्रीमती कमला सिन्हा (बिहार) : महोदया, मैं एक बात जोड़ना चाहती हूं जो सईदा खातून ने कही, जो कुमारी महिलाऐं हैं या जो हमारे कुंवारे भाई हैं उनके लिए भी यह सुविधा दी जाय ... (व्यवधान)

उपसभापति : इसमें दोनों के लिए है, इस बिल में कुंवारी और कुंवारे में कोई अंतर नहीं है । अगर कोई मंत्री महिला के बिहाफ पर पेपर ले कर सकता है तो कुंवारी और कुंवारे में कोई फर्क नहीं है । It is on page 1. ...(Interruptions)... Just a minute. You see it is very clear in the Bill on page 1; It has bsen very clearly explained that the words "companion or spouse" shall be inserted. There is no problem, for fcuioara mahila or *kuwafa purush.*

SHRI KAPIL VERMA (Uttar Pradesh); I want to make a point.

श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह (बिहार) : आपने कुंवारी महिलाओं की बात सुनी, लेकिन हमारे बीच में अटल बिहारी भी बैठे हुए हैं, उनके लिए ... (व्यवधान)

श्रीमती सविता मुहल (उत्तर प्रदेश) : मैं माननीय मंत्री महोदय को बताना चाहती हूं कि ... (व्यवधान)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN; I *» very sorry that all of you are getftof up simultaneously. It is very unfortunate. Please take your seate. May j remind the Members about the decision taken in the chamber? It was decided that there will not be *ny discussion on this Bill. That wag even talked over today as well. If somebody wants to make a point, it Is good but not all the Members can speak on it. We are not having any discussion on it. ... (Interruptions)... This is not proper.

उपसभापति : आप सब लोग तसरीफ रखिए । अभी लोक सभा तो एडजर्न हो गई है साहने डाइ । जो कुछ आप सुझाव देना चाहते हैं मंत्री जी को वह चैंज तो ला नहीं सकते हैं क्योंकि वहां यह बिल वापस जा नहीं सकता, वह सिटिंग में नहीं है । अगर कोई महत्वपूर्ण सुझाव आपको देना हो तो मंत्री जी को लिखकर भेज दीजिए, मुझे भेज दीजिए ताकि उस पर अगली बार विचार किया जा सके । I assure you that they will reach him and he will attend to them. Let us go ahead now. (*Interruptions*).

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA; ...Has he given an assurance?

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: Railway pass... (Interruptions).

उपसभापति : जो अभी सुझाव इस सदन में आए मैं समझती हूं रेलवे पास का मैन इश्यू है, अगर इस विषय में आप कुछ आश्वासन देना चाहें या कुछ कहना चाहें तो आप बता दीजिए । (व्यवधान)

SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: . Hon. Members have raised points about the increase in the, free permissible telephone calls. The present number is 30,0d0 per annum and I am trying to get it raised to 50,000 per annum and steps are being taken for that.

So far as the railway passes are concerned, the Railway Minister has already given an assurance in the other House yesterday that he wHl tafee-appropriate steps to grant passes to the Members as well as one companion as are being given to freedom fighters.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: What I understood from Mr. Hanumanthappa is* *he* was talking about the distance of-the trunk calls. If you increase the number of calls, still his problem is not solved. The difference will remain •'between the people who live close by Delhi and those who live far away in the country. You can also consider in terms of amount. This is what you can look after and that is what I understood from him.

SHRI SATYA • PRAKASH MALAVIYA: I have taken note .of the suggestion of Mr. Hanumanthappa. We win look into it and take appropriate steps.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: You work it out.

Now, j will put the motion to vote. ¥&*e* .question is:

"That the Bill further to amend the Salary, Allowances and *ei»ston *ta* Members of Par-
_ liament Act, 1954, as passed. by Lok Sabha, be taken into
. ^consideration."

The motion was adopted.

TfiE, DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: We shafi -how take up clause-by-clause consideration of the Bill.

Clauses 2 *and* 3 *were added to the* Bill.

the Title were added to the Bill.

SHRI SATYA 'PRAKASH MALAVIYA; Madam, I move.

"That the Bill be passed."

The question was proposed.

श्री सीता राम केसरी (बिहार) : उपसभापति महोदया, आज हम सभी संसद के सदस्य अपना वेतन और अपनी सुविधाओं की चर्चा के लिए एकत्रित हैं-चाहे अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी हों, चाहे सीताराम केसरी हों या मुखर्जी साहब हों और या कोई और हों . . . (व्यवधान)

श्री संघ प्रिय गौतम (उत्तर प्रदेश) : उधर के ही सब लोगों को आप बुला रही हैं हमें आप नहीं बोलने दे रही हैं । (व्यवधान) . . . . . .

उपसभापति : उन्होंने लिख कर भेजा है ।

श्री संघ प्रिय गौतम : मैं भी लिख कर देता हूं ।

THE DEPUTY, CHAIRMAN; please don't .interrupt. . He gave me in writing, in .advance.. There is.certain procedure. *(.Interruptions).* Please don't argue. The time hag passed. You should learn thg rules. " Please- don't make me say such rude things'to you. This is my compulsion. He gave me in writing and I have his paper with me. *(Interruptions).* Please be serioMs

श्री सीताराम केसरी : मेरा निवेदन है कि जिस शीघ्रता में श्री वी० पी० सिंह की सरकार यह बिल लाई, सदस्यों के वेतन और सुविधाओं की वृद्धि के लिए वह सरकार मूल्यों पर आधारित सरकार थी और सारे देश के सामने मूल्यों की चर्चा आज से 40 साल पूर्व, 50 साल पूर्व . . . (व्यवधान)

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY- Madam. ... (Irterruptions); r .,

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Please don't interrupt. He has a right to sap whatever he is saying. How can you interrupt him? (Interruptions). Please don't interrupt. It is his absolute right to say what he wants. What is this? You can say whatever you like without my permission and he cannot speak with my permission! It is his right. Don't interrupt, please. At least sometimes you must learn that there are certain rules in this House.

श्री सीताराम केसरी : देखिए, आपको अपने विचार व्यक्त करने की स्वतंत्रता है । मैं जो बोलने जा रहा हूं वह मुझे कहने दीजिए । जब हम चुनावों में जा रहे हैं तो हम किस संबंध में बातें कर रहे हैं ? हम अपने संबंध में बातें कर रहे हैं, देश के संबंध में बातें नहीं कर रहे हैं । हम इस प्रस्ताव के विरोधी नहीं हैं, इस बिल के विरोधी नहीं हैं । मैं अपनी व्यक्तिगत राय व्यक्त कर रहा हूं, राष्ट्र के सामने अपनी व्यक्तिगत राय एक्सप्रेस कर रहा हूं । मेरी उम्र आज 75 साल की हो गई है । मैंने आजादी की लड़ाई में साढ़े सात साल कारावास में व्यतीत किए हैं । मुझे गर्व है कि मेरे कंधों पर एक दिन श्री जयप्रकाश नारायण का भी हाथ था । यह 1942 की बात है । इन चीजों के साथ आज मुझे दुख है कि सारे राष्ट्र की समस्याओं के संबंध में बात करने के बजाय हम अपने संबंध में बात कर रहे हैं । जैसा मैंने कहा, हम इस बिल के विरोधी नहीं हैं । हम जानते हैं कि सभी का आक्रोश हमारे ऊपर होगा । मैं यह कहना चाहता हूं कि जिस ढंग से यह बिल लाया गया है और पूर्व सरकार ने मूल्यों की चर्चा करके, देश के अन्दर हर तरह की बातें कह करके उन्होंने लालच और लोभ को प्रोत्साहन दिया है । मैं इस बिल का विरोधी नहीं हूं, मैं अपनी व्यक्तिगत राय व्यक्त कर रहा हूं, व्यक्तिगत राय दे सकता हूं ।

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN; The question is;

"That the Bill be passed." "The motion *was adopted.*

VALEDICTORY REMARKS

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN; Now, Motion for annulment of Government Notifications. Shri Jagdish Prasad Mathur.

श्री जगदीश प्रसाद माथुर (उत्तर प्रदेश) : महोदया, मुझे परामर्श दिया गया है कि इसको अगले सेशन में लिया जाय । इसलिए मैं इसको अगले सेशन में आने की इजाजत चाहता हूं ।

वाणिज्य मंत्री, साथ में विधी और न्याय मंत्रालय का अतिरिक्त प्रभार (श्री सुब्रहमण्यम् स्वामी) : आप इसको विदड्रा कर दीजिए ।

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN; He says, you withdraw it.

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: There is nothing in it. Why do you want to keep it pending? You with draw it.

इसमें कोई दम नहीं है । आप इसको विदड्रा कर लीजिए ।

SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR: I can renew it.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: You can give fresh notice for its renewal lor the next Session. Now the Legislative Business is over. Before we adjourn the House, are there any grievances? *(Interruptions).*

Valedictory Remarks

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN; Now, I would thank all the Members for their cooperation in running this short Session—shorter it might have been, but definitely it was very hot. It was hotter than all the Sessions that we have had. There were emotions, there were complaints, there was anger against the Deputy Chairman in the House, inside the Chamber. I have no ill feeling against anyone. You are most welcome to make your point whenever you like. I know the tempers go high but that is part of Parliamentary democracy. The steam is let out in the House. I thank ali